

RELIGIOUS.

CALENDAR.

Sunday, 23—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
 Tuesday, 25—Conversion of St. Paul.
 Sunday, 30—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
 FEBRUARY.
 Wednesday, 6—Purification B. V. M.
 Sunday, 13—Septuagesima.
 Sunday, 20—Sexagesima.
 Thursday, 24—St. Matthias.
 Sunday, 31—Quinquagesima.

In England and Wales there is one clergyman or minister to each 718 of the population; in the United States there is one to each 876. Neither England nor the United States, however, are nearly so well supplied with priests and parsons as are certain other countries. In Russia there is a priest to each 323 of the population, which is only another way of saying that the clerical army of the Czar numbers 253,081 men. In France there is one priest, monk, pastor, or minister to each 235 of the population, or 153,629 in all. In Italy there is one to each 143 of the people, or about 190,000 in all. And in Spain—most blessed of all lands—there is a priest for each 54 of the population, 315,777 in all. In Russia, France, Italy, and Spain, however, the men in religious orders of all grades are included in these numbers. The whole number of clergymen and ministers of every kind in England and Wales is 31,622; and in the United States it is 43,862.

Says *Harper's Weekly*:

Active preparations are making in this city for the meetings of Messrs. Moody and Sankey next month, in Gilmore's Concert Garden. The Garden, or Hippodrome, as it is sometimes called, will be divided by partitions into three rooms, and will be so arranged that two of the three can be used for religious services simultaneously, if necessary. The principal audience room will accommodate eight thousand persons. On the evening of January 4, the first of a series of meetings designed to give instruction to Christian workers was held in Dr. Orms顿's church, at Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street. The venerable Dr. S. H. Tyng delivered the sermon, which will be followed during the month by discourses from other ministers of this city. An up-town daily prayer-meeting, under the direction of the Moody and Sankey committees, in the Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth street, has been held for some time, and is frequented by Christians of all denominations. The attendance upon the meetings of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in Philadelphia is still very great. As many as 11,000 women were present at a special service on Sunday afternoon, January 2. The churches of that city are receiving large collections to their members.

The membership of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church (colored) is said to embrace some 200,000, mostly in the Southern and Western States. There are our Bishops whose official term is four years.

Richmond, Virginia, is probably without a parallel in the country in the proportion of its church members to its inhabitants. Of its population of 60,000 there are 24,820 church members which must be a large proportion of those who are not children. Half of these are Baptists.

Frank C. Ferguson is the name of the first colored clergyman ordained by the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Some of the prominent members of Ames Chapel (M. E. Church) in this city state that the eastern color distinctions heretofore imposed against those of God's people whose color is of "Asia's sunny clime," in relegating all such to the gallery, has been abolished. Whether this information is strictly correct we have no means of judging. Possibly if some gentleman or lady of pronounced color will tell the matter we shall then learn the influence of Bishop Haven and the new clerical incumbent in christening this chapel.

Nearly \$100,000 is spent yearly on missionary work in Africa. Of this sum over three hundred thousand dollars is expended by European societies, the remainder supplied from America. The Church Missionary Society, (English,) has 15,000 children in its schools in Africa, and the Wesleyan 17,000. An effort is now being made to open Central Africa, where there are, it is estimated 50,000,000 who have never heard the Gospel.

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